

the original approval order.¹² The Commission recognizes that this proposed additional language does not raise any new regulatory issues because the Exchange merely is seeking to clarify the process that it is already required to follow upon a determination to change trading differentials for equity securities. Accordingly, the Commission believes that it is consistent with Sections 6(b)(5) and 19(b)(2) of the Act to approve Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change on an accelerated basis.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-PCX-97-39 and should be submitted by April 6, 1998.

V. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change, as amended, is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹³ that the proposed rule change, as amended, (SR-PCX-97-39) is approved on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁴

¹² See Exchange Act Release No. 38780 (June 26, 1997), 62 FR 36087 (July 3, 1997) (order approving SR-PCX-97-15).

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Emergency Review by the Office of Management and Budget

The Social Security Administration publishes a list of information collection packages that will require clearance by OMB in compliance with Public Law 104-13 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collections listed below have been submitted to OMB for emergency clearance. OMB approval has been requested by March 20, 1998:

0960-NEW. The Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) requires agencies to evaluate the effectiveness of their programs. In compliance with GPRA and as part of the Agency's strategic planning process, one of SSA's major goals is "To Strengthen Public Understanding of the Social Security Programs." The Agency Strategic Plan provides that SSA develop an overall public education strategy to ensure that, by the year 2005, 9 of 10 adults are knowledgeable in five broad areas of the Social Security program. As a first step towards its goal, the Agency proposes to conduct focus groups with adults age 18 and over to assess their understanding of the program and determine what they wish to know. The information from the focus group testing will be used for the development of a subsequent national survey which will measure the public's baseline knowledge of Social Security programs.

Number of Respondents: 90.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 2 hours.

Estimated Annual Burden: 180 hours.

To receive a copy of the form or clearance packages, call the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4125 or write to him at the address listed below. Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be directed to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses:

(OMB)

Office of Management and Budget,
OIRA, Attn: Laura Oliven, New
Executive Office Building, Room

10230, 725 17th St., NW, Washington,
D.C. 20503

(SSA)

Social Security Administration,
DCFAM, Attn: Nicholas E. Tagliareni,
6401 Security Blvd., 1-A-21
Operations Bldg., Baltimore, MD
21235

Date: March 10, 1998.

Nicholas E. Tagliareni,

*Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security
Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2761]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Consular Affairs,
Department of State.

ACTION: 30-Day Notice of Proposed
Information Collection; Application for
Passport by Mail (DSP-82).

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal submitted to OMB:

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Originating Office: Bureau of Consular Affairs.

Title of Information Collection: Application for Passport by Mail.

Frequency: On occasion.

Form Number: DSP-82.

Respondents: U.S. Citizens and Nationals of the United States.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,700,000.

Average Hours Per Response: 15 minutes.

Total Estimated Burden: 425,000 hours.

Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to—

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency functions.

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection.